REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-3 are active.

Claim 3 is amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 4 based on the Examiner's indication at page 5 of the Action that the subject matter of claim 4 would be allowable.

Also, Claim 3 is amended as suggested by the Examiner in the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Claim 2 is amended to depend from claim 3.

No new matter is believed to have been added.

The rejection of claims 3 and 4 under 35 U\$C 112, second paragraph is no longer applicable as the Examiner's suggestion has been adopted. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 USC 103(a) is no longer applicable as claim 4 (which was not rejected) has been incorporated into claim 3. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

A Notice of Allowance is also requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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